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RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116

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Sir:

In response to the Action mailed December 19, 2006, please reconsider this application in light of the following remarks:

REMARKS

Claims 30-36, 39-45, 50 and 51 stand rejected under 35 USC 102(a) on Newman (U.S. Patent No. 6,722,502). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

Claim 30 recites "a first inflatable rectangular side wall; a second inflatable rectangular side wall; and a valve configured to inflate the first and second ... rectangular side walls." Newman does not disclose or suggest such features.

Newman instead discloses an inflatable corner cushion 100 having two inflatable chambers 102 (col. 3, line 62, through col. 4, line 6) which are joined together at the edges 104 using a seal 108 (col. 4, lines 21-34) in order to form an envelope. This envelope does not have